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1. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WILL CAUCUS AT BONN JANUARY 8-9 TO REVIEW A NUMBER OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED AT GENEVA. IN SEPARATE MESSAGE TO BONN, WE ARE TRANSMITTING US COMMENTS ON THESE RESOLUTIONS TO FRG CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY GROUP, DR. LUCAS. ONE OF MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS ARISES FROM REVERSAL OF COMMUNITY POSITION ON QUESTION OF RECOGNIZING CONCEPT OF "PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST" SEPARATE FROM INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. AT HELSINKI, COMMUNITY COUNTRIES STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS.

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TY PROPOSES TO INTRODUCE SEPARATE, LENGTHY RESOLUTION WHICH

GREATLY EXPANDS ON LANGUAGE ADVANCED BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES
ON PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST.

2. WE HAVE REVIEWED SITUATION FURTHER IN LIGHT OF EXPLANATION OFFERED BY UK DELEGATE MICHAEL FIELDER TO BOYLE BUT ARE STILL UNPERSUADED THAT WEST SHOULD INTRODUCE A SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. ONE DIFFICULTY WE HAVE IS THAT WE HAVE NEVER REACHED AN ACCEPTABLE DEFINITION

OF WHAT "PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST" CONNOTE AND HOW THEY ARE DIFFERENTIATED FROM "INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION". FACT THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES THEMSELVES DID NOT SEEM ABLE TO AGREE ON WHAT CONCEPT SIGNIFIES DURING RECENT GENEVA DISCUSSIONS DOES NOT KINDLE OUR ENTHUSIASM FOR ACCEPTING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS RUBRIC.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THAT SOME ATTENTION NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE SUBJECT IN THE WEST'S DRAFT AND WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE INTEREST OF SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN OBTAINING POTENTIALLY USEFUL COMMITMENTS FROM THE EAST TO INVESTIGATE PROJECTS FOR JOINT PROSPECTING AND DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY AND OTHER MINERAL RAW MATERIALS. WE ASSUME COMMUNITY SHARES OUR INTEREST IN TIGHTER DEFINITION OF COMMON INTEREST PROJECTS. WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY PROPOSED TO LUCAS THAT THE DRAFT COMMUNITY RESOLUTION BE INCLUDED INSTEAD AS A SECTION WITHIN THE OVERALL RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND THAT THE PREAMBLE AND PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 6 BE REPLACED BY THE PARAGRAPH QUOTED BELOW. PARAGRAPHS 7-9 WHICH CONTAIN ALL THE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE WOULD STAND.

4. THE NEW INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE WOULD READ: "THE PARTICIPATING STATES AGREE THAT AMONG THE FORMS OF INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WHICH SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED ARE LONG-TERM PROJECTS WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE HARMONIOUS AND COMPLEMENTARY DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIC POTENTIAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES. SUCH PROJECTS AFFECT THE BASIC ECONOMIC STRUCTURES OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, ARE USUALLY ON A LARGE SCALE, OR EVEN REGIONAL OR SUBREGIONAL IN SCOPE, AND MAY IN APPROPRIATE CASES BE PURSUED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF LONG-TERM SUPPLY CONTRACTS."

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5. SINCE UK WORKED ACTIVELY WITH FRG IN DEVELOPING THESE DRAFTS, WOULD BE USEFUL IF EMBASSY COULD REACH FIELDER BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR BONN AND INFORM HIM OF US THINKING AND ABOVE SUGGESTION. KISSINGER

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